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## ARUBA ALOE RECEIVES ISO RECOGNITION



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# Aruba Aloe receives ISO recognition



THE Aruba Aloe enjoys a reputation of excellency due to the high quality of its products. And this was rewarded last April with two prestigious certificates of the "International Organization for Standardization (ISO). Last week Friday, the 29th of May, celebrated the Aruba Aloe officially these last achievements on their Museum, Manufactures and store situated at Hato in the presence of the Prime Minister, Mike Eman, press members, employees and other guests.

The international Organization of Standardization (ISO), is well known across the worlds as the biggest developer of international standards for companies. The different certificates granted by the ISO, that recognizes the fulfillment of the International Standards are widely respected throughout the whole world.

After being submitted to a complete process of auditing, the Aruba Aloe has been granted the ISO certification 90014 for their quality in the management system and the certificate ISO 13485 which demonstrates that they have complied with all the necessary requirements to produce medical products, such as "Alhydran".

Mr. Koos Veel, explained that it was very impressive for Aruba Aloe to achieve such a difficult task in a short period of time, less than a year. At the end of the audit, the ISO declared that many other companies can imitate the Aruba Aloe. He also pointed out that the Aruba Aloe is the first company in the Dutch Islands to receive these two certificates.

The General Director, Mr. Walter Mosher said: "These certificates opens door for Aruba Aloe to expands their Market of exportation, which now includes 25 countries".

Aruba Aloe has experienced a growth in the last three years which includes 3 stores and we duplicated the personnel. We will soon expand with a store in Amsterdam and a Soap manufacturer in our main street. After 125 years of existence, Aruba Aloe is proud to say that they will continue to give service and support to the economy of Aruba and representing our country throughout the world.

Our Prime Minister, Mr. Mike Eman commends the fact that Aruba Aloe is doing something exceptional for our island.  
"We are a tiny but respected island, as our hymn say".



# Holland is interested to do business with Latin- America

Conclusions of a research on Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Dutch Relations



THERE is growth in Dutch companies that are interested in doing business with Latin-America through the Caribbean part of the Kingdom. This is the result of a research that was done by the SEO (SEO Economical Research) upon the petition of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Dutch Relations.

This research confirmed the intention of the Cabinet of Mike Eman to develop Aruba as a commercial hub. The research done by SEO focused on the perspective of expertise and needs of the Dutch companies in Holland and companies on the islands, to contribute on the discussions on the steps taken and the rules of management which are directed on the development of trades between the Dutch Caribbean and Latin-America.

Most of the parties who partook at this research said that they already experienced the barriers of trade in Latin-America. These are the high taxes and long and hard procedures of import. The Dutch companies experience more barriers in Latin-America than the companies in Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire. Of the 35 Dutch companies that are doing business with Latin-America, 4 are using the facilities

and service of the Dutch Caribbean parts and 11 are thinking towards this option. The main reasons given to do business with the islands are: The Knowledge of the Latin-America Culture (of doing business) the presence of a Network of the businesses in Latin-America with which they can do business and the financial infrastructure that exists on the islands.

Doing business for the Dutch investors with Latin-America is very interesting due to the Free Zones, the port facilities and the sales of match making activities. Dutch companies are neutral to positive for what concerns the facilities and services of the islands. Giving fiscal and legal services gets a positive reaction: the

airport, the ports, and the fiscal laws are well received.

The amount of permits that is necessary to do business should be improved. The Dutch companies are also not very happy with the quality of service of the banks. They indicate that there is a need of a central organization to give information on how to do business on the islands.

Generally are the companies satisfied with the facilities that are available on the islands. They are also happy with the custom services and the Free Zone. There is however room for improvement in transportation, communication and bank organization.

Auba Health Care Conference

# Prominent Health Figures under one roof in Aruba



AS mentioned before, the Aruba Health Care Conference (HCCA) has the task to bring Executive, medial and political sectors of public health together to elaborate on the challenges of health care and reach possible solutions.

In order to lead a productive discussion, the HCCA has invited a group of experts on the subject who will give their perspectives on a series of themes, related to the situation in Aruba or other

members of the Kingdom.

Listed below are the renowned figures in our region and from around the world that are on the island this week to share their expertise.

#### SHIYAN CHAO

Shiyan Chao is a counselor of the World Bank. She is experienced in management areas, financing, system development and HIV/AIDS controls. Next to her main interest in health economy, she also works on monitoring and controlling, inclusive comparative and impact evaluation. Shiyan is also a professor of International Health at George Washington University, School of Public Health and most recently Georgetown University. Her publications deal with topics like allocation of domestic resources, public expenditure, reform of the health sector and the economic impact of diseases.

#### THEO POIESZ

Theo Poiesz has several hats on his head. In Holland, he is a professor of Economic Psychology at Tias Business School of Tilburg University. He is also professor of Medical Health Care Marketing and Scientific Director of the Health Advice in Brabant. During his career, he has been invited to many Dutch and International Universities. He has a wide interest that covers strategy marketing, future marketing, physiology and behavior management ("Triad Model"). He is a counselor, lecturer and he has various publications in different segments of health care.

#### PHILIP IDENBURG

Philip J. Idenburg is an author of the future of health care and follows the tendencies from close. He started the program Diagnosis which is a collaborative red of capacities and innovations which facilitates the dialogue on the future of health care. This program is based on an agenda of innovations on the challenges of sectors such as cardiovascular diseases, cancer, COPD, diabetes and Alzheimer. In the last five years, thousands of professionals in health in Holland, patients, insurance companies and others, have participated in the program to seek solutions for the increase in health care. Regularly he is a speaker at different universities and he is a partner of Be Bright: Accelerating Healthcare which is

a company that helps clients with strategies, innovations and management. He is also President of Kanker.NL.

#### DR. ANA VIAMONTEROS

Dr. Ana M. Viamonte Ros is the Director of Personal Medical Development of the Baptist Health International. Dr Viamonte was the first General Surgeon of the State of Florida and the first Cuban woman as Chief of the Health Department from 2007 to 2011. She is now Dean for Women in Medicine and Science and Associate Professor of Health Department at Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine at Florida International University.

#### DR. JOYCELYN ELDERS

She is the 15th General Surgeon and the first Afro-American woman to have that position. At this time she is a distinguished professor of Public Health at the University of Arkansas School of Public Health and also at the Clinton School of Public Policy.

#### STANLEY LALTA

Stanley Lalta is a health economist with over 20 years of experience of teaching, guiding, training, advising and directing investigations on policies in health matters in the Caribbean. His special interests are health financing, reform and policies and pharmaco-economics. He now forms part of the HEU/Center for Health Economics at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad and Tobago.

#### DR. MAL HI CHO

She is the current Advisor in Health System and Services for PAHO/WHO for Venezuela, Aruba, Curacao, Saint Martin and the Dutch Caribbean. Former Advisor for Guyana and Advisor in Quality of Care and Security of Patients at WDC. Dr. Cho also coordinated the Regional Program of Transport do Cells, Organs and Tissues to PAHO to Washington DC. He joined the PAHO/WHO since February 2005 as Counselor in the Security of Blood Program in Haiti.

The first Aruba Health Care Conference is taking place this week until Thursday 4th of June at the Renaissance Convention Center with a big participation and interest. Registration closed last week with 250 participants of Aruba and from the exterior.

# **Central Customs Department Offices moves temporarily to a new location**



**FINALLY** after Setar N.V. finished with the necessary telecommunication installations for the Customs Department at the 'Budlex Building' (DA building), the process of moving from the central office continued last Friday and during the whole weekend. According to Minister Bermudez this moving at the new location should be done by Monday.

The Minister of Finances calculates that the central offices of this department will remain in this temporary building no longer than 2 years.

"The property at Barcadera is already available, however we are waiting for the design of the new building and then we must choose a contractor before the constructions can be realized. I hope that for the beginning of 2017, the Customs Department can move to the new and modern building at Barcadera", said Minister Bermudez.

Last January, the Customs Department delivered a manifesto to the Minister with different points of concerns to which the Minister assured all have due attention and some already have been accomplished.

One of the main points that the department brought forth was the situation of their building which was decayed. This concern has been dealt with and the new building is already in plans and its constructions should be finished in two years.

"We are working on these concerns pointed out in the manifesto and I hope that in a relatively short time we can accomplish all of them in order for the Customs Department to function appropriately", assured Minister Bermudez.

According to the Minister, the Department should go through a process of reorganization in order for it to function on modern norms which are required internationally and that is the challenge.

"As for me I am giving my total support for this challenge to be realized for this department".

## **According to a decision taken by the AZV Dr. Harolds Narain Contract to be prolonged until September 1st 2015**

**AFTER** meeting with Dr. Harold Narain, AZV took the decision to prolong the contract of Dr. Narain until September 1st 2015. In the next three months the medical practice of Dr. Narain with AZV will be slowly terminated and other gynecologist will take over the patients and replace Dr. Harold Narain during this period. This means that starting September 1st 2015, Dr. Narain will no longer be working for the AZV, however he will continue his practice to attend his private patients.

## **Aruba Gastronomic Association**

### **ALL-Inclusive product on Aruba**

In support of the Aruba Government and Parliament, AGA and Aruba's entire restaurant sector are voicing their concern about expansion in the all-inclusive product on Aruba. With about 200 international and ethnic restaurants in close vicinity of the high-rise and low-rise resorts, Aruba has become known worldwide as an outstanding culinary destination. Unlike other destinations, Palm Beach is a very walkable, safe and compact area filled with nightlife. Also, there are fine restaurants all along Eagle Beach and in downtown Oranjestad – just a short car ride away. This element of the tourist experience sets Aruba apart from many other Caribbean destinations. The island's warm hospitality has become legendary all over the world.

All-inclusive resorts now amount to almost 40% of hotel room inventory (excluding timeshare resorts). In addition, some resorts that are not identified as all-inclusive offer this option. Any expansion of the all-inclusive product would not only seriously impact the restaurant sector and further erode their ability to remain in business but also compromises Aruba's competitive edge. Additionally, it would be detrimental to suppliers and other companies that rely on the restaurants, and could result in decreased wages and unemployment of workers, which would have a negative snowball effect on the entire economy.

While AGA and the restaurant sector recognize that the all-inclusive option is preferred by many vacationers, there should be a sensible balance between EP and all-inclusive resorts to ensure the sustainability of restaurateurs who have made significant investments and employ thousands of workers. Aruba's unique cuisine should not be overshadowed by and identified as all-you-can-eat buffets. Talented local and international professional chefs, servers and sommeliers, fine international wines, and diverse indoor and outdoor ambiances make the Aruba dining experience truly exceptional. Will tourists discover this special aspect of the island, share it with their friends and family, and make it one more reason to return? In short, expansion of the all-inclusive product not only puts into jeopardy the survival of Aruba's restaurants and allied businesses and negatively affects the economy but also compromises Aruba's attraction as a renowned culinary destination.



# UNIVERSITY OF ARUBA STUDENTS LEARNED MORE ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

FOR the Mental Health and Addiction Faculty that is being taught at the Social Work and Development Program at the University of Aruba, students of the third year met with the social worker of PAAZ, Mr. Jeroen van Geest. Different psychiatric aspects were discussed on Mental Health in Aruba. Mr. Jeroen explained during the discussions more on the work and patients who are receiving treatments at PAAZ.

He also pointed out different types of problems that exist in Aruba dealing with Mental Health such as symptoms, indications of behavior and others. He showed the students some ethical cases of patients that students may encounter on their way.

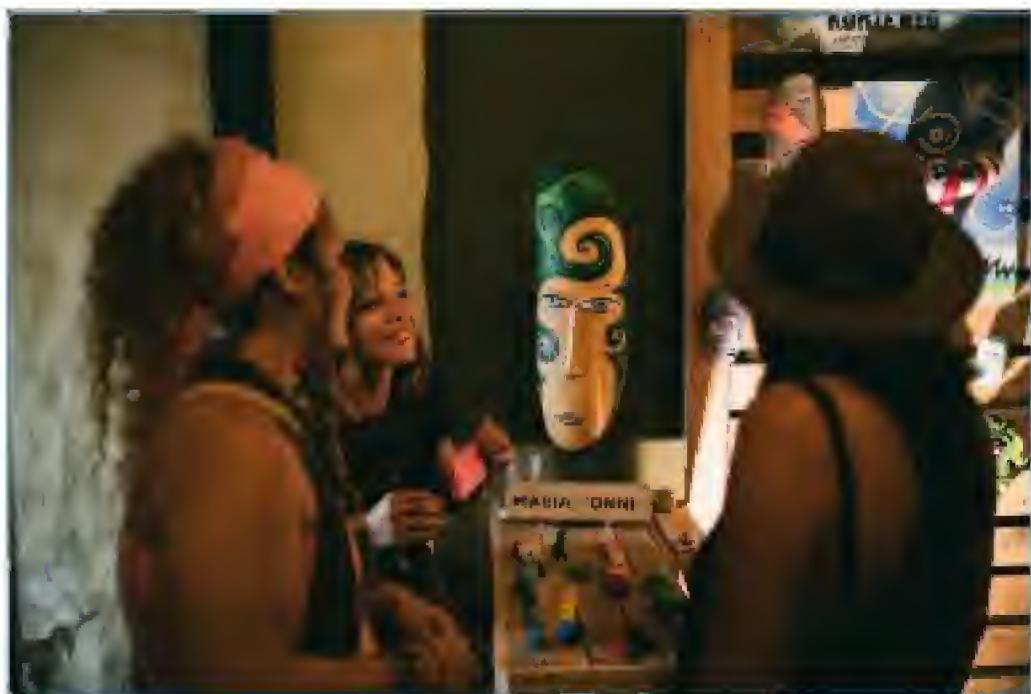
Social Work and Development uses professionals in the different organizations of Aruba, to give students of the University more opportunities to acquire more knowledge in the actual situation in Aruba in the Mental Health area. If you want to know more about the Social Worker studies, please visit our website: [www.ua.aw](http://www.ua.aw)



Big success

## Organized by local youth with support of UNOCA

Third edition of "Korteweg" (Short Road)



UNOCA is a local organization that stimulates the cultural life of Aruba for over 30 years now. They support projects that contribute to a durable identity of Aruba by sustaining initiatives in our community and promoting cooperation, professionalism, quality and innovation of cultural activities.

UNICA had the pleasure to sponsor the third edition of "Korteweg", an idea of a group of young local people who came together to create a "Local Art Street" in the main street in Oranjestad.

With Cado "Cadosbla" de Lannoy as head of the project, they created a platform where local artist could exhibit and sell their art made by hand, on a good price for the community of Aruba and visitors.

The last edition of the "Korteweg" was a total success and broke every record in attendance comparing to the last year one. The ambience was unique, visitors got inspired with the creativity and passion for art and culture of more than 14 local artist.

In connection to this event, the UNOCA launch the initiative "Local Artist Highlight" offering the unknown artists a platform where they can present their talents, ideas, art and passion.

The photographer Anuar G. Habibe was selected as the Local Artist Highlight. He exhibited his best photographs with the help of the UNOCA. Visitors were impressed with his unique style which captures life in Aruba. For more information on this cultural event, you can visit UNOCA Aruba's facebook.

# THE FIRST 10K RUN OF THE AMSTERDAM MANOR BEACH RESORT TOTAL SUCCESS

SUNDAY 31st of May took place the first 10K run of the Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort. Many participants took part of this successful run. The winner of the run was Ronald Starring and the second place winner was Alric Kock. There were also other winners in their categories.

The first 10K run was surely very successful thanks to IBISA and to the champion team of the Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort. This run not only had Aruban participants but also tourists visiting our island participated. Some employees of the Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort also decided to join the run.

It was also noticeable that the "Cas Shabururi" was present to grant the medals to the winners and also to help on the water posts. A special thank you to all who participated to this beautiful run last Sunday morning and who made this 10K run successful.

Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort is in full celebrations of their 25th anniversary and surely will organize more activities during the year. Visit the Facebook page of the Amsterdam Manor Beach Resort: [www.facebook.com/AMBRARUBA](http://www.facebook.com/AMBRARUBA) for more information.





# U.S., allies conduct 23 AIR STRIKES

Against Islamic State: military

(REUTERS) - U.S.-led forces targeted Islamic State militants in Syria with 13 air strikes from Sunday morning through Monday morning and conducted another 10 strikes against the group in Iraq, the U.S. military said on Monday.

In Syria, the strikes were concentrated near Al Hasakah, with nine hitting tactical units and destroying Islamic State fighting positions, vehicles and a weapons cache, according to a statement. Air strikes also hit targets near Ar Raqqah and Kobani.

In Iraq, coalition forces struck near Baiji, Falluja, Mosul, Ramadi, Sinjar and Tal Afar.



## Russia dismisses EU criticism of travel BLACKLIST

MOSCOW (REUTERS) - Russia criticised the European Union on Monday for allowing the publication of a list of European officials barred from entering the country in the diplomatic fallout over the Ukraine crisis.

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Moscow, which drew up the list in response to a similar ban on Russian officials by the EU, had handed over the list to the EU "confidentially."

The EU says the travel bans are unjustified and a list seen by Reuters at the weekend showed 89 European politicians and military leaders were

included on it. Czech Foreign Minister Lubomir Zaoralek summoned Russia's ambassador on Monday to express disagreement with the "unilateral, groundless and non-transparent step", his ministry said in a statement.

Zaoralek also said a documentary aired recently by state-controlled TV station Rossia had portrayed the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia "in significant contradiction with facts".

Lavrov dismissed as "absurd" Western criticism that Russia's travel bans were unjustified. 'The reverse sanctions that were introduced applied to

officials who have been most active in supporting the state coup that led to the start of persecution and discrimination of Russians in Ukraine," Lavrov told a news conference, confirming Russia had drawn up the list.

"With the EU introducing its restrictions on some 150 Russians, I think, we did the same for a considerably smaller number of EU member states' citizens," he said. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters the bloc's reaction had been "difficult to understand".

Russia denies Western accusations of direct military involvement in

east Ukraine and accuses the West of orchestrating protests in Kiev that led to the overthrow of a Ukrainian president favoured by Moscow in February last year. Russia annexed the Crimea peninsula from Ukraine a month later, saying it must protect the rights of Russian-speakers there. It says the separatist uprising that followed in east Ukraine was provoked by fears over a threat to Russian-speakers from the new "illegitimate" authorities in Kiev. More than 6,100 people have died in fighting between Kiev's forces and Russia-backed rebels in east Ukraine.

# **Malaysia Airlines, 'TECHNICALLY BANKRUPT,' to terminate 6,000 jobs**



## **Graham enters 2016 PRESIDENTIAL RACE,**

Becoming 9th GOP candidate

(FOX NEWS) - And then there were nine. South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham added to the Republican Party's logistical challenges as he formally launched his 2016 presidential campaign -- becoming the ninth GOP primary candidate, with more than a half-dozen others still weighing a bid of their own.

South Carolina's senior senator made the announcement Monday in the small town of Central, where he grew up. The hawkish lawmaker made clear he will strive to make national security a centerpiece of his campaign, and the presidential race as a

whole.

"I'm running for president of the United States," Graham said. "I want to be president to defeat the enemies that are trying to kill us -- not just penalize them or criticize them or contain them, but defeat them."

Graham slammed President Obama's policies for fighting terror, and said "radical Islam is running wild." He said the biggest threat remains Iran's nuclear ambitions.

Graham said he has more experience on national security than any candidate in the race.



**(THE STAR) - KUALA LUMPUR—** Malaysia Airlines said it's starting a corporate revamp with a "hard reset" as it terminates about 6,000 jobs and seeks to cut costs by 20 per cent to return to profitability after two air disasters last year.

The carrier invited at least 14,000 employees to join its new company as part of a turnaround that includes adjusting the size of operations and renegotiating key contracts, the company said Monday.

The old structure, Malaysian Airline System Bhd., will cease operations in August, and selected assets and

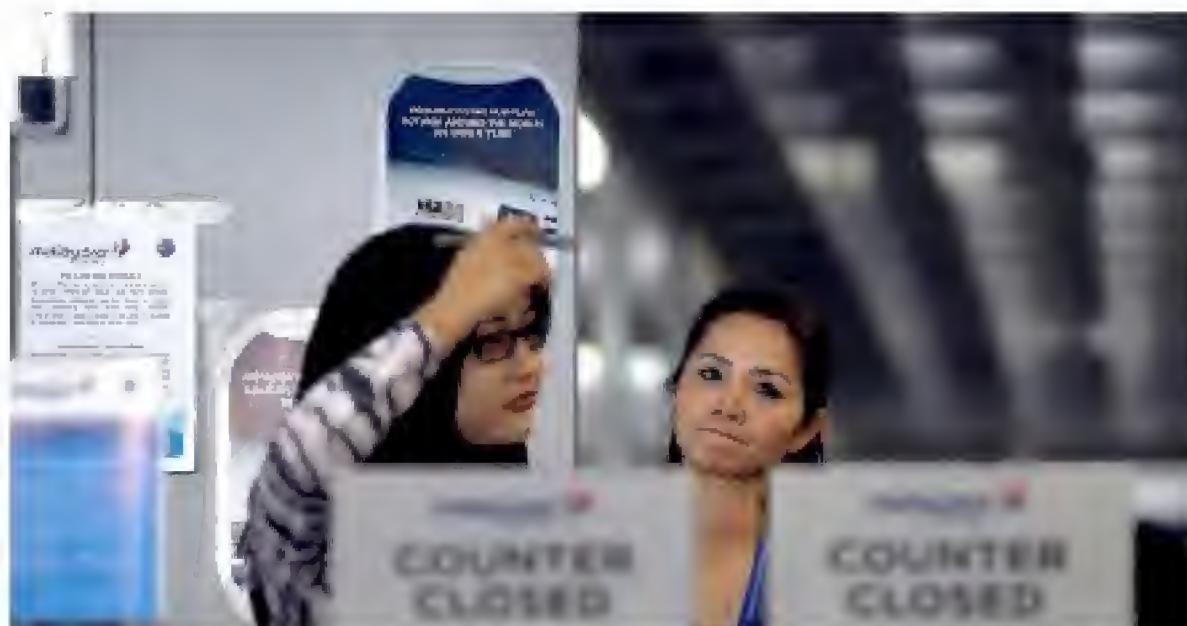
liabilities will be transferred to the new company. Malaysia Airlines is seeking to reinvent itself after stiff competition led to years of losses, even before flight MH370 disappeared in March last year and MH17 was shot down over Ukraine. The carrier needs time to turn around after being "technically bankrupt," and will break even only in 2018, Christoph Mueller, CEO, said Monday. We have to "stop this short-term firefighting," Mueller said. "Now, we have to be in forestry, we have to plant trees, water them every day and wait, and do a proper job." "We cannot turn this airline around off

the cuff."

The carrier plans to refurbish the business-class section on some planes, and is considering selling or subleasing two of its A380 planes, Mueller said. The company will review all its contracts to purchase planes, he said. Mueller joined Malaysia Airlines from Dublin-based Aer Lingus Group Plc., which he turned around in the face of competition from budget airline Ryanair Holdings Plc. He faces a similar task as Malaysia Airlines struggles to fend off AirAsia Bhd., one of the region's largest low-fare carriers.

In August, parent and sovereign

wealth fund Khazanah Nasional Bhd. announced plans to cut 6,000 jobs after the carrier amassed more than 4.9 billion ringgit (\$1.34 billion U.S.) in losses since the start of 2011. Khazanah has committed to invest 6 billion ringgit to restructure the airline after taking it private in a 1.38 billion ringgit buyout. The new company will reduce capacity and expand its more profitable domestic and regional routes in Asia Pacific, Khazanah said in March. Mueller said the airline will remain a full-service, international carrier and will tap its partners for codesharing on global routes.



## Whataburger Chain Cutting Breakfast Hours

# Due to EGG SHORTAGE

**(NBC NEWS)** - Faced with an egg shortage, fast food restaurant Whataburger has some disappointing news for breakfast lovers: it is paring down its breakfast hours.

Starting Monday, the restaurant will be trimming the time it serves breakfast to 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. during the week and 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. on weekends. This is a sharp decline from its typical 11 p.m. to 11 a.m. breakfast slot.

The move comes in the face of a lower nationwide egg supply, which has been hit by a widespread outbreak of avian flu.

To date, more than 44 million birds have been affected by avian flu, according to the USDA. "While our supply team continues to work diligently to source more eggs, we feel a limited time period to serve our tasty breakfast dishes is a better alternative to stop serving them altogether," Whataburger wrote in a release. The privately held chain operates more than 770 locations in 10 states.





# France, Germany Raise concerns over EU migrant redistribution plan



**BRUSSELS (REUTERS)** – France and Germany raised concerns on Monday over a European Commission plan to redistribute migrants reaching Italy and Greece, saying it must take better account of efforts they have already taken to help asylum-seekers. The European Commission proposed last week to ease pressure on Italy and Greece, which are struggling to deal with thousands of immigrants crossing the Mediterranean in flimsy boats from Libya, through an emergency scheme to redistribute 40,000 Syrian and Eritrean asylum-seekers throughout the European Union.

Under the plan, Germany and France, two of the EU's biggest states, would together take nearly 40 percent of the 40,000 migrants. The interior ministers of France and Germany said they were ready to study the Commission's proposal, based on a fair proposal for sharing out the migrants.

"This distribution (mechanism) must above all take better account of the efforts already made by member states on international protection," they said, presenting a joint Franco-German position. The statement, together with concerns expressed by Spain and eastern European states, suggest the EU faces a tough fight agreeing how to share out the 40,000 migrants. The statement highlighted the efforts France and Germany are already making, pointing out that nearly three-quarters of asylum applications in the EU are made in five member states – Germany, France, Sweden, Italy and Hungary.

Ministers Bernard Cazeneuve and Thomas de Maiziere said the EU's emergency

mechanism "must be founded on two equally important principles: responsibility and solidarity. We believe that the balance between these two principles has not yet been reached in the proposal presented by the Commission."

#### THOUSANDS DIED

More than 5,000 migrants trying to reach Europe have been saved from boats in distress in the Mediterranean since Friday, EU authorities say. Thousands of people, mostly from war-torn African and Middle Eastern countries, have died trying to cross the Mediterranean this year.

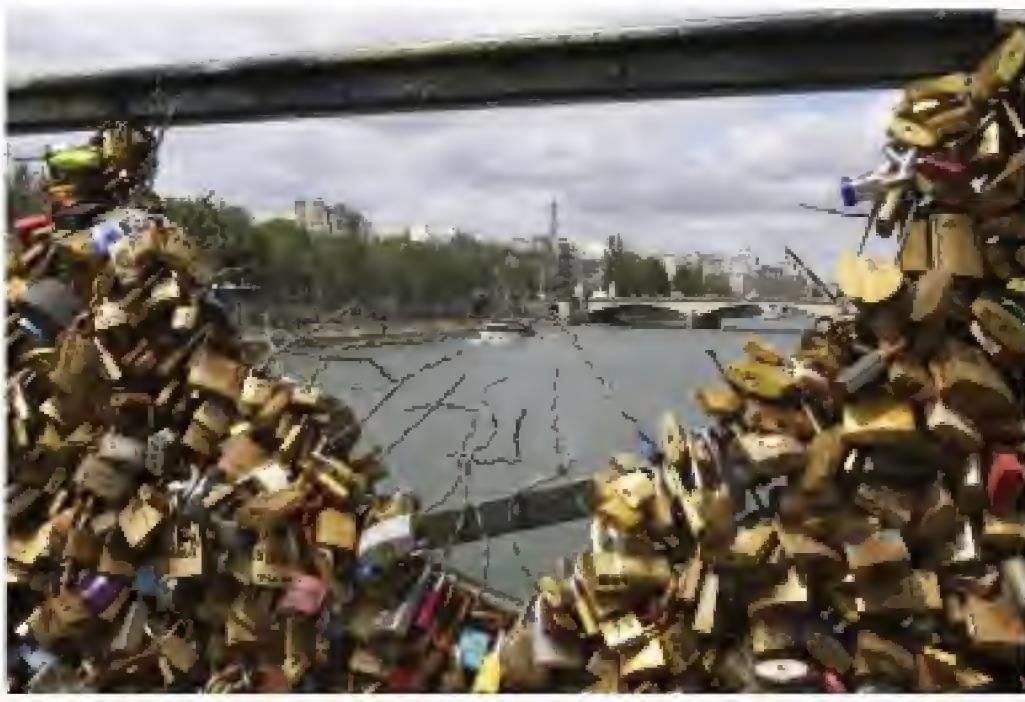
Southern European states are clamouring

for more EU help to deal with migrants, but with anti-immigration parties on the rise amid economic problems and austerity, many states resist taking large numbers of asylum-seekers. The European Commission suggested sharing out the 40,000 asylum-seekers among EU member states based on each EU country's population, economy, unemployment and the number of asylum applications received in the

past five years.

Interior ministers are due to discuss the plan on June 15 and 16. Britain, Denmark and Ireland have exemptions on EU matters on immigration and Britain has said it will not participate in the relocation scheme or a separate EU plan to resettle 20,000 refugees from outside the bloc.





## Paris police REMOVE iconic symbols of love

(CBS NEWS) - It's the end of an era for the "love locks" on a historic bridge in Paris. Some call the symbolic padlocks an eyesore and a safety hazard, and the government is starting to remove them, reports CBS News correspondent Mark Phillips. To demonstrate their affection, couples would scratch their names on a padlock, attach it to a bridge and throw away the key. The symbolism is obvious -- and so is the weight. City officials say more than 700,000 locks have been attached to bridges over the past eight years, most to the Pont des Arts. It's a load the bridge was never designed to handle.

Sections of the railing were showing the strain -- perhaps like some of the relationships. So after years of trying to politely discourage the practice by putting up signs, the Parisian party poopers moved in Monday morning. The railings of the Pont des Arts are also being removed. They'll be replaced by plexiglass.

"I think that's awful," proclaimed one couple on the bridge. Michelle and Matthew came to Paris over the weekend to try to get in under the wire.

"It's a great way to show that Paris is the city of love," Michelle said. "It's a symbol of that."

But the "love lock" thing was a mystery to some.

"We never even heard of the 'lock bridge,' it was my son (who) gave us this," said an Irish tourist, holding up the pad lock her son had given her for the trip. "I thought it was for our luggage!" Paris being Paris, and tourists being tourists, visitors will no doubt find other ways to show their affection.

Some who came thought the city should have found another way to deal with the problem.

"Fix the bridge and keep the locks," suggested an American girl at the lovers' landmark.

The locks will be kept in a warehouse until somebody can figure out what to do with them. In the meantime, loving couples, never to be denied, have begun attaching locks to other bridges -- and to the Eiffel Tower.

## Undercover DHS Tests Find Security Failures at US Airports



(ABC NEWS) - An internal investigation of the Transportation Security Administration revealed security failures at dozens of the nation's busiest airports, where undercover investigators were able to smuggle mock explosives or banned weapons through checkpoints in 95 percent of trials, ABC News has learned.

The series of tests were conducted by Homeland Security Red Teams who pose as passengers, setting out to beat the system.

According to officials briefed on the results of a recent Homeland Security Inspector General's report, TSA agents failed 67 out of 70 tests, with Red Team members repeatedly able to get potential weapons through checkpoints.

In one test an undercover agent was stopped after setting off an alarm at a magnetometer, but TSA screeners failed to detect a fake explosive device that was taped to his back during a follow-on pat down. Officials would not divulge the exact time period of the testing other than to say it concluded recently.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson was apparently so frustrated by the findings he sought a detailed briefing on them last week at TSA headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, according to sources. U.S. officials insisted changes have already been made at airports to address vulnerabilities identified by the latest tests.

"Upon learning the initial findings of the Office of Inspector General's report, Secretary Johnson immediately directed TSA to implement a series of actions, several of which are now in place, to address the issues raised in the report," the DHS said in a written statement to ABC News.

Homeland security officials insist that security at the nation's airports is strong -- that there are layers of security including bomb sniffing dogs and other technologies

seen and unseen. But the officials that ABC News spoke to admit these were disappointing results.

This is not the first time the TSA has had trouble spotting Red Team agents. A similar episode played out in 2013, when an undercover investigator with a fake bomb hidden on his body passed through a metal detector, went through a pat-down at New Jersey's Newark Liberty Airport, and was never caught.

At the time, the TSA said Red Team tests occurred weekly all over the United States and were meant to "push the boundaries of our people, processes, and technology."

"We know that the adversary innovates and we have to push ourselves to capacity in order to remain one step ahead," a TSA official wrote on the agency's blog in March 2013. "[O]ur testers often make these covert tests as difficult as possible."

In a 2013 hearing on Capitol Hill, then-TSA administrator John Pistole, described the Red Team as "super terrorists," who know precisely which weaknesses to exploit.

"[Testers] know exactly what our protocols are. They can create and devise and conceal items that ... not even the best terrorists would be able to do," Pistole told lawmakers at a House hearing.

More recently, the DHS inspector general's office concluded a series of undercover tests targeting checked baggage screening at airports across the country.

That review found "vulnerabilities" throughout the system, attributing them to human error and technological failures, according to a three-paragraph summary of the review released in September.

In addition, the review determined that despite spending \$540 million for checked baggage screening equipment and another \$11 million for training since a previous review in 2009, the TSA failed to make any noticeable improvements in that time.



# Solar Impulse Plane lands in Japan to wait out BAD weather

(CHICAGO TRIBUNE) A solar-powered plane attempting to circle the globe without a drop of fuel made an unscheduled landing late Monday in Japan to wait out bad weather.

Swiss pilot André Borschberg took off from Nanjing, China, on Sunday on what was to be the longest leg of the journey, a six-day, 8,175-kilometer (5,079-mile) flight to Hawaii.

Instead, the Solar Impulse 2 made an unscheduled visit in central Japan, and landed safely at the Nagoya Airport.

Japanese Transport Ministry and Nagoya airport officials said earlier that they were arranging for the landing to occur after the airport's usual closing hours to accommodate the plane with a wide wingspan.

Live Internet feed on the organizers' website showed crewmembers in the control room applauding and cheering at the landing. Borschberg, who emerged from the cockpit with a full smile, was mobbed by the project's ground staff welcoming his safe arrival.

Bertrand Piccard, Initiator, Chairman and Co-Pilot of Solar Impulse 2, told the organizer's live feed, Solar Impulse TV that it was unfortunate the weather turned bad when the flight was going very well. He said the plane will continue its journey to Hawaii when the weather improves.

"You know, it's one of these strange moments of life between elation and disappointment," he said. The team has achieved the longest flight ever of a solar plane going through the night, but the front is too dangerous to cross ..."

"It's just the weather doesn't fit. Everything we could do has been done and was successful. What we cannot control is the weather. So we land in Nagoya, we wait for better conditions, and we continue," he said.

Elke Neumann, a spokeswoman for the Solar Impulse project, said from Nanjing that the team had noticed the weather more than a day ago.

"We thought we might go through it," she said. "But between Japan and Hawaii there's no place to stop."

The safety of the pilot and the plane are a priority, and they will likely wait a few days in Japan until the weather changes, she said.

Solar Impulse 2 needs room to land, so it generally avoids times when commercial flights are operating, Neuman said. The plane also usually lands at night, because the winds tend to be lower. It needs wind to be no more than 10 knots, she said.

"We are a little bit sad, because everything's functioning perfectly. The batteries are charging, there's enough sun, the pilot is in good health, he's in good condition — it's all working well," Neumann said.

At the time of landing, the plane's batteries were still 74 percent charged, according to the organizer website.

The journey started in March in Abu Dhabi, and the plane has stopped in Oman, India, Myanmar and China. The flight from Nanjing to Hawaii is the seventh of 12 flights and the riskiest.

# FLASH FLOOD

**Threat Starts June in Northeast**



**(ACCUWEATHER)** - Accompanying the start of Meteorological Summer will be wet weather and the risk of flooding in the Northeast as well as unseasonably cool conditions in New England. Instead, much of the New England states can expect cool, cloudy and wet weather during the first part of the new week. A disturbance rolling northeastward along a slow-moving cool front will enhance the rain and cause thunderstorms to erupt from Monday night into early Tuesday along much of the Interstate 95 zone.

The poor visibility associated with the downpours can lead to slow travel on area highways and sporadic airline delays at the airports.

Clouds will help keep temperatures in the 50s across much of New England for the first couple of days of June, the equivalent of 10 to 15 degrees below normal. "The chill will have many people thinking that the calendar was actually flipped back to April," added Pydynowski. Cooler air will push southward on Tuesday, reaching Baltimore and Washington, D.C., with highs forecast to be within a few degrees of 70. While some people may not like the cooler weather this late in the year, the rain accompanying it is needed across the region. Much of May has been abnormally dry across the Northeast with the region only receiving a fraction

of the rain that it typically receives during the month.

New York City, for example, received only 0.40 of an inch of rain from May 1 to May 30. This accounts for only 10 percent of what The Big Apple typically receives in all of May.

Even though the early week rain is not likely to balance out the rain deficit across the Northeast, this rain will help to water lawns, gardens and other vegetation that is thirsty for some rain. The cooler, wet weather pattern is not expected to stick around the region for very long. By Wednesday, the flow will become southerly and another warming trend will be underway for the Northeast, said AccuWeather Chief

Meteorologist Elliot Abrams. This will result in a stretch of dry days with temperatures running closer to normal than earlier in the week. The warmup will occur more quickly in southern areas, as opposed to farther north. Temperatures are not forecast to be as high later in the week as they were during the last week of May. Additionally, the humidity will not be as high either, resulting in lower AccuWeather.com RealFeel® temperatures.

Anyone with outdoor plans into Tuesday may want to consider moving them to later in the week if possible to account for the flip in the weather pattern.

SanDisk rolls out

## World's smallest 128GB USB 3.0

flash drive



**(CNET)** - Priced at \$120, the dime-size drive is tiny enough to use a plug-and-stay design, so you can keep it permanently attached to your PC or other device. You can now add 128 gigabytes of storage to your PC or another device via a flash drive that you never have to remove. Launched on Monday by storage vendor SanDisk, the 128GB SanDisk Ultra Fit USB 3.0 flash drive is the world's smallest USB 3.0 flash drive, according to the company. Without its cap, the drive measures three-quarters of an inch in length, 0.63 inch in width and 0.35 inch in height, which Sandisk says makes it smaller than a dime. So you can plug it into any USB port and never have to worry about unplugging it.

SanDisk's 128GB drive solves one problem that affects notebook users who need more storage. Yes, you can connect any flash drive to your computer to add more capacity. But most flash drives are too big

and long to keep connected to your notebook if you want to travel with it or stick it in a case. SanDisk's new drive is compact enough that you can keep it plugged in permanently. So you can carry around your music, photos, videos or other content that you want with you all the time without having to connect and disconnect the drive.

The company said it designed the drive for "media enthusiasts who want to expand storage of their notebook, tablet, TV, in-car audio system, gaming console and more." So you can also plug it into hard-to-reach devices, such as a gaming console, and just leave it alone. Also available in capacities of 16GB, 32GB and 64GB, the drive offers a transfer speed of up to 130 megabytes per second when connected to a USB 3.0 port. The storage vendor also has unveiled a 256GB edition of its Ultra USB 3.0 flash drive with a \$200 price tag. Though larger and longer than its

Ultra Fit counterpart, the new drive offers twice the storage capacity, a first for this particular model. Also available in 16GB, 32GB, 64GB and 128GB capacities, the drive provides transfer speeds of up to 100MB per second in a USB 3.0 port.

Both drives come with SanDisk's SecureAccess, which lets you create encrypted password-protected folders for private files. You also receive a free year's subscription to RescuePro software, which attempts to restore files that have been lost or accidentally deleted.

SanDisk said that both of the new drives are available at online retailers and at stores around the world. Searching online, I couldn't find either drive listed at popular retailers, so they may not be available or at least not appearing just yet.

SanDisk did not immediately respond to CNET's request for comment.



# 92 Year-old

oldest woman to finish marathon

SAN DIEGO (7Online) -A 92-year-old cancer survivor rocked her way into the record books Sunday, becoming the oldest woman to finish a marathon. Harriette Thompson of Charlotte, North Carolina, completed Sunday's Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in San Diego in 7 hours, 24 minutes, 36 seconds. She was mobbed by well-wishers as she crossed the finish line.

"I'm fine, they're really pampering me here," Thompson said in a firm, joyful voice as people all around her shouted congratulations. This was her 16th Rock 'n' Roll Marathon and, by far, the hardest. "It's always harder but

this year has been a bad year for me," she said, adding her husband died in January following a lingering illness and she battled a staph infection in one of her legs.

"I couldn't train very well because my husband was very ill and I had to be with him for some time and then when he died in January I had some treatments on my leg," she said. "I was just really thrilled that I could finish today."

The oldest woman to previously complete a marathon was Gladys Burrill, who was 92 years and 19 days old when she completed the 2010 Honolulu Marathon.

Thompson is 92 years, 65 days old, according to race organizers.

Despite her training woes, she nearly matched her finish time of last year, which was 7 hours, 7 minutes, 42 seconds. That set a record for a woman 90 or older, shattering the old one by more than an hour and a half. A classically trained pianist who played three times at Carnegie Hall, Thompson says she mentally plays old piano pieces she had performed to help her get through the 26 miles, 385 yards.

She didn't begin running marathons until she was in her 70s, after a member of her church approached her about being one of her sponsors in the marathon to raise money to fight leukemia and lymphoma. "At that time I had lost several people in my family to cancer and I said, 'Oh, maybe I should do that,'" she recalled. "When I got out there the first year I just planned to walk it, but everybody else was running so I started to run with them."

She isn't sure if she'll run again next year. But after last year's race she wasn't sure she'd run this one either. She added she enjoys raising money for cancer research and figures the competition has helped keep her healthy. "I don't think I'd be living today if I didn't do this running," the cancer survivor said. "I'm helping them and they're kind of helping me."

